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### TO ALL INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES:

This is to provide you with a copy of the notice of proposed regulatory action relative to Sections 401 and 480, Title 14, California Code of Regulations, relating to Depredation Permit Application and Form, and Bobcat Depredation, which will be published in the California Regulatory Notice Register on May 3, 2013.

Please note the dates of the public hearings related to this matter and associated deadlines for receipt of written comments.

**Mr. Michael Randall**, Regulations Unit, Department of Fish and Wildlife, (916) 653-4678, has been designated to respond to questions on the substance of the proposed regulations.

Sincerely,

  
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**NOTICE IS GIVEN** that any person interested may present statements, orally or in writing, on all options relevant to this action at a hearing to be held at a hearing to be held in University of California Los Angeles (UCLA), De Neve Plaza Building, 351 Charles E. Young Drive – West, Los Angeles, California, on Wednesday, May 22, 2013 at 8:30 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard.

**NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN** that any person interested may present statements, orally or in writing, on all options relevant to this action at a hearing to be held at the Department of Consumer Affairs, 1747 North Market Boulevard, Sacramento, California, on Wednesday, June 26, 2013 at 8:30 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard. It is requested, but not required, that written comments be submitted on or before June 21, 2013 to be included in the Commissioners' briefing materials, at the address given below, or by fax at (916) 653-5040, or by e-mail to [FGC@fgc.ca.gov](mailto:FGC@fgc.ca.gov). **Written comments mailed, faxed or e-mailed to the Commission office, must be received before 12:00 noon on June 25, 2013 to be delivered by staff to the meeting; or be presented to Commission staff at the meeting no later than the agenda item is heard on June 26, 2013, in Sacramento, CA.** If you would like copies of any modifications to this proposal, please include your name and mailing address.

The regulations as proposed in strikeout-underline format, as well as an initial statement of reasons, including all information upon which the proposal is based (rulemaking file), are on file and available for public review from the agency representative, Sonke Mastrup, Executive Director, Fish and Game Commission, 1416 Ninth Street, Box 944209, Sacramento, California 94244-2090, phone (916) 653-4899. Please direct requests for the above mentioned documents and inquiries concerning the regulatory process to Sonke Mastrup or Jon Snellstrom at the preceding address or phone number. **Mr. Michael Randall, Regulations Unit, Department of Fish and Wildlife, telephone (916) 653-4678, has been designated to respond to questions on the substance of the proposed regulations.** Copies of the Initial Statement of Reasons, including the regulatory language, may be obtained from the address above. Notice of the proposed action shall be posted on the Fish and Game Commission website at <http://www.fgc.ca.gov>.

#### **Availability of Modified Text**

If the regulations adopted by the Commission differ from but are sufficiently related to the action proposed, they will be available to the public for at least 15 days prior to the date of adoption. Circumstances beyond the control of the Commission (e.g., timing of Federal regulation adoption, timing of resource data collection, timelines do not allow, etc.) or changes made to be responsive to public recommendation and comments during the regulatory process may preclude full compliance with the 15-day comment period, and the Commission will exercise its powers under Section 202 of the Fish and Game Code. Regulations adopted pursuant to this section are not subject to the time periods for adoption, amendment or repeal of regulations prescribed in Sections 11343.4, 11346.4 and 11346.8 of the Government Code. Any person interested may obtain a copy of said regulations prior to the date of adoption by contacting the agency representative named herein.

If the regulatory proposal is adopted, the final statement of reasons may be obtained from the address above when it has been received from the agency program staff.

#### **Impact of Regulatory Action/Results of the Economic Impact Analysis**

The potential for significant statewide adverse economic impacts that might result from the proposed regulatory action has been assessed, and the following initial determinations relative to the required statutory categories have been made:

- (a) Significant Statewide Adverse Economic Impact Directly Affecting Businesses, Including the Ability of California Businesses to Compete with Businesses in Other States:

The proposed action will not have a significant statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting business, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states.

- (b) Impact on the Creation or Elimination of Jobs within the State, the Creation of new Businesses or the Elimination of Existing Businesses, or the Expansion of Businesses in California; Benefits of the Regulation to the Health and Welfare of California Residents, Worker Safety, and the State's Environment:

The Commission does not anticipate any impacts on the creation or elimination of jobs, the creation of new business, the elimination of existing businesses, the expansion of businesses in California, or benefits to worker safety.

The proposed changes in Section 401 and the repeal of Section 480 will not impact jobs and/or businesses in California. SB 1221(Lieu) (FGC Section 3960.2(d)) prohibits compensation of individuals involved with the depredation permit; therefore it is unlikely that any new business, or expansion, would be created.